

REMARKS

Claims 1-2 and 4-10, 12-14 and 16-27 are all the claims presently pending in this application. Claims 1-2 and 4-10, 12-14, 16 and 18-26 have been amended to more particularly define the claimed invention. Claim 27 have been added to claim additional features of the claimed invention.

It is noted that the amendments are made only to more particularly define the invention and not for distinguishing the invention over the prior art, for narrowing the scope of the claims, or for any reason related to a statutory requirement for patentability. It is further noted that, notwithstanding any claim amendments made herein, Applicant's intent is to encompass equivalents of all claim elements, even if amended herein or later during prosecution.

Claim 22 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 101 as being directed toward non-statutory subject matter. Applicant has amended the preamble of claim 22 to read, “*A programmable storage medium tangibly embodying a program of machine-readable instructions executable by a digital processor for driving a portable computing device....*”

Claims 1-2, 4-10, 12-14, 16-17, 20 and 22-25 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Liao, U.S. Pat. App. No. 2004/0021681, further in view of Dardick, U.S. Pat. App. No. 2002/0075317.

Claims 18-19 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Liao, U.S. Pat. App. No. 2004/0021681 in view of Dardick, U.S. Pat. App. No. 2002/0075317, further in view of Huffman et al., U.S. Pat. No. 5,761,682.

Claim 21 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Liao, U.S. Pat. App. No. 2004/0021681 in view of Dardick, U.S. Pat. App. No. 2002/0075317,

further in view of Stanek, U.S. Pat. No. 5,936,554.

These rejections are respectfully traversed in view of the following discussion.

I. THE PRIOR ART REJECTIONS

A. The 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) Rejection over Liao, U.S. Pat. App. No. 2004/0021681 further in view of Dardick, U.S. Pat. App. No. 2002/0075317

The Examiner alleges that Liao, U.S. Pat. App. No. 2004/0021681, (Liao), further in view of Dardick, U.S. Pat. App. No. 2002/0075317, (Dardick), makes obvious the invention of claims 1-2, 4-10, 12-14, 16-17, 20 and 22-25.

The Examiner alleges that one of ordinary skill in the art would have been motivated to modify Liao with the teaching from Dardick to form the invention of claims 1-2, 4-10, 12-14, 16-17, 20 and 22-25. Applicant submits, however that these references would not have been combined and even if combined, the combination would not teach or suggest each element of the claimed invention.

Indeed, Applicant submits, however, that neither Liao, nor Dardick, nor any alleged combination thereof, teaches or suggests:

“wherein said display and said touch-sensitive display display two adjoining display portions of a single display output,” of Applicant’s independent claim 1, and similarly claim 24;

“displaying a first of two adjoining display portions of a single display output in one of said display and said touch-sensitive display; displaying a second of said two adjoining display portions of said single display output in the other of said display and said touch-sensitive display; wherein said display and said touch sensitive display display said two

adjoining display portions as a single display output,” of Applicant’s independent claim 8, and similarly claims 22-23; and

“wherein said first and second displays display two adjoining display portions of a single display output, and wherein said first and second displays receive user input on each touch sensitive user-interface,” of Applicant’s independent claim 25.

Therefore, Applicant respectfully requests the Examiner to reconsider and withdraw this rejection since the alleged prior art references to Liao and Dardick (either alone or in combination) fail to teach or suggest each element and feature of Applicant’s claimed invention.

B. The 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) Rejection over Liao, U.S. Pat. App. No. 2004/0021681 in view of Dardick, U.S. Pat. App. No. 2002/0075317 further in view of Huffman et al., U.S. Pat. No. 5,761,682

The Examiner alleges that Liao, U.S. Pat. App. No. 2004/0021681 in view of Dardick, U.S. Pat. App. No. 2002/0075317, (Liao and Dardick), further in view of Huffman et al., U.S. Pat. No. 5,761,682, (Huffman), makes obvious the invention of claims 18-19.

The Examiner alleges that one of ordinary skill in the art would have been motivated to modify Liao and Dardick with the teaching from Huffman to form the invention of claims 18-19. Applicant submits, however that these references would not have been combined and even if combined, the combination would not teach or suggest each element of the claimed invention.

That is, Huffman fails to make up for the deficiencies of Liao and Dardick as discussed above.

The Examiner asserts Huffman discloses a first page of an electronic book on one of a

first or a second display.

However, even assuming *arguendo* that the Examiner's position has some merit, Huffman fails to teach or suggest, “displaying a first of two adjoining display portions of a single display output in one of said display and said touch-sensitive display; displaying a second of said two adjoining display portions of said single display output in the other of said display and said touch-sensitive display; wherein said display and said touch sensitive display display said two adjoining display portions as a single display output,” of Applicant’s independent claim 8. Therefore, Huffman fails to overcome the deficiencies of Liao and Dardick.

Therefore, Applicant respectfully requests the Examiner to reconsider and withdraw this rejection since the alleged prior art references to Liao and Dardick and Huffman (either alone or in combination) fail to teach or suggest each element and feature of Applicant’s claimed invention.

C. The 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) Rejection over Liao, U.S. Pat. App. No. 2004/0021681 in view of Dardick, U.S. Pat. App. No. 2002/0075317 further in view of Stanek, U.S. Pat. No. 5,936,554

The Examiner alleges that Liao, U.S. Pat. App. No. 2004/0021681 in view of Dardick, U.S. Pat. App. No. 2002/0075317, (Liao and Dardick), further in view of Stanek, U.S. Pat. No. 5,936,554, (Stanek), makes obvious the invention of claim 21.

The Examiner alleges that one of ordinary skill in the art would have been motivated to modify Liao and Dardick with the teaching from Stanek to form the invention of claim 21. Applicant submits, however that these references would not have been combined and even if combined, the combination would not teach or suggest each element of the claimed invention.

That is, Stanek fails to make up for the deficiencies of Liao and Dardick as discussed above.

The Examiner asserts Stanek discloses displaying a color-coded keyboard

However, even assuming *arguendo* that the Examiner's position has some merit, Stanek fails to teach or suggest, “displaying a first of two adjoining display portions of a single display output in one of said display and said touch-sensitive display; displaying a second of said two adjoining display portions of said single display output in the other of said display and said touch-sensitive display; wherein said display and said touch sensitive display display said two adjoining display portions as a single display output,” of

Applicant’s independent claim 8. Therefore, Stanek fails to overcome the deficiencies of Liao and Dardick.

Therefore, Applicant respectfully requests the Examiner to reconsider and withdraw this rejection since the alleged prior art references to Liao and Dardick and Stanek (either alone or in combination) fail to teach or suggest each element and feature of Applicant’s claimed invention.

II. FORMAL MATTERS AND CONCLUSION

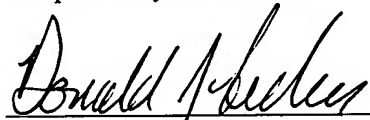
In view of the foregoing, Applicant submits that claims 1-2 and 4-10, 12-14 and 16-27, all of the claims presently pending in the application, are patentably distinct over the prior art of record and are in condition for allowance. The Examiner is respectfully requested to pass the above application to issue at the earliest possible time.

Should the Examiner find the application to be other than in condition for allowance, the Examiner is requested to contact the undersigned at the local telephone number listed below to discuss any other changes deemed necessary in a telephonic or personal interview.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any deficiency in fees or to credit any overpayment in fees to Attorney's Deposit Account No. 50-0481.

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